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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Programme and Administrative Support
(NIR/78/007)

Report of the Administrator*

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| Date of present approval: | February 1979 |
| Starting date for project operations: | February 1979 |
| Planned completion date: | January 1981 |
| To be executed by: | United Nations Development Programme |
| Government implementing agency: | Federal Ministry of Economic Development (FMED), Economic Affairs Division |
| Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval: | $849 200 |
| Source of UNDP financing: | Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) |

## I. Background

1. In 1976 the Government of Nigeria began supplementing the UNDP programm in Nigeria through programme cost sharing and substantial additional amounts have been contributed during the 1977/1981 IPF cycle.

2. The rapid expansion of the programme and the logistical difficulties encountered have strained the capacities of both UNDP and the Federal Ministry of Economic Development to provide supporting facilities for UNDP projects.

3. In the fast developing economy of Nigeria communications difficulties may be the most important constraints hampering timely delivery of project inputs. Existing means of communication are inadequate to serve the projects and experts widely dispersed throughout Nigeria. A twelve-station radio network will ensure that projects can communicate with Lagos.

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*In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and subsequent authorizations of the UNDP Governing Council, reports are issued seriatim on the approval of UNDP assistance of $250,000 or more (including, if any assistance financed by Government or by third-party cost sharing)..

4. In accordance with the decision of the 24th session of the UNDP Governing Council the Government of Nigeria will assist in meeting the additional costs of administering the cost-sharing programme through an administrative support project charged to country programme costs.

## II. Objectives and activities

5. The objectives of the project are to: (a) supplement the programme and administrative capability of the UNDP office and increase its capacity to assist the Government and UNDP executing agencies in identifying, appraising, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the projects included in the Country Programme for Nigeria; (b) strengthen communication between the UNDP office and the vast network of UNDP Government-assisted projects located throughout Nigeria.

## III. Inputs

6. UNDP will provide personnel, subcontracts covering provision and maintenance of communications equipment, training for officials of the Federal Ministry of Economic Development and equipment. The Government will provide office accommodation in the UNDP compound.

## IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are:

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| Personnel | 310 400 |
| Subcontract | 500 000 |
| Training | 10 000 |
| Equipment | 22 800 |
| Miscellaneous | 6 000 |
| | 849 200 |

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